

AMES Excellence in Teaching Awards and Vernon and Virginia Furrow Excellence in Teaching Awards

Academy of Medical Education Scholars

To: College of Medicine - Tucson Faculty and Department Heads

From: Academy of Medical Education Scholars

Subject: AMES Excellence in Teaching Awards and Vernon and Virginia Furrow Excellence in Teaching Awards

AMES awards a total of **9 teaching awards** this year. See descriptions below.

AMES Excellence in Teaching Awards (2 awards)

***Nominees should be faculty who have been teaching for less than 5 years.**

The AMES Excellence in Teaching Awards will recognize outstanding achievements in education at the College of Medicine. The Academy of Medical Education Scholars (AMES) at the UArizona College of Medicine – Tucson invites your nominations for the 2020-2021 AMES Excellence in Teaching Awards.

Faculty may be nominated for the awards based on excellence in medical education in any of two categories:

1. Criteria for Basic Science Teaching:
Recipient will be a UArizona College of Medicine faculty member who demonstrates potential for teaching at the post-baccalaureate level including courses offered for medical or graduate students. The successful nominee should have no more than 5 years of total teaching experience at these levels combined. At least 2 of the 5 years must have been spent teaching at the University of Arizona. Teaching at the undergraduate level will not be considered. Two letters of support for the nominee are required that specifically address the nominee's potential for growth in their teaching prowess. Potential for growth should be based on peer knowledge of the nominee's teaching ability and not solely on student evaluations. The nominators can consider innovative teaching as an example of future potential but this is not essential for being considered.

2. Criteria for Clinical Teaching

Recipient will be a faculty member who demonstrates potential for teaching at the medical student or resident level. The successful nominee should have no more than 5 years of total teaching experience at these levels. At least 2 of the 5 years must have been spent teaching at the University of Arizona and/or affiliated hospitals. Two letters of support for the nominee are required that specifically address the nominee's potential for growth in their teaching prowess. Potential for growth should be based on peer knowledge of the nominee's teaching ability and not on student evaluations. The nominators can consider unique approaches the nominee may use in their teaching and/or evaluation of medical students in clerkships or of residents.

Please follow these guidelines:

- **The deadline for nominations is 12:00 pm, Wednesday, May 5th, 2021.**
- The primary nominator should indicate clearly which of the two categories above applies to the nomination and should detail the peer observations on which the nomination is based.
- Up to two letters of support from peers may be provided. A nomination will be strengthened considerably if the primary nomination or a letter of support is provided by the faculty member's Department Head or Block/Course/Clerkship Director. **Inclusion of details and examples from faculty observations of the nominee's teaching will greatly strengthen an application.**
- Student evaluations should not be included; these awards are based on peer assessment.

***New award this year**

AMES Excellence in Teaching Innovation (2 awards)

***All faculty are eligible for nomination.**

The AMES Excellence in Teaching Innovation awards will recognize faculty who have demonstrated outstanding effort and innovation adapting to teaching modalities and addressing the challenges of medical education during the pandemic over the past year. Faculty teaching in either the preclerkship, clerkship, GME, or graduate student setting are eligible for this award.

Please follow these guidelines:

- **The deadline for nominations is 12:00 pm, Wednesday, May 5th, 2021.**

- The primary nominator should indicate clearly the innovation and adaption the faculty member applied to teaching over the last challenging year, and should detail the peer observations on which the nomination is based.
- Up to two letters of support from peers may be provided. A nomination will be strengthened considerably if the primary nomination or a letter of support is provided by the faculty member's Department Head or Block/Course/Clerkship Director. **Inclusion of details and examples from faculty observations of the nominee's teaching will greatly strengthen an application.**
- Student evaluations should not be included; these awards are based on peer assessment.

Vernon and Virginia Furrow Excellence in Teaching Awards (5 awards)

***All faculty are eligible for nomination.**

The Furrow Awards are the primary vehicle for peer recognition of outstanding achievements in education at the College of Medicine - Tucson. The Academy of Medical Education Scholars (AMES) at the UArizona College of Medicine – Tucson invites your nominations for the 2020-2021 Furrow Awards.

Faculty may be nominated for Furrow Awards based on excellence in medical education in any of five categories:

1. Basic science teaching in the undergraduate medical curriculum
2. Clinical science teaching in the undergraduate medical curriculum
3. Graduate medical education
4. Graduate student education
5. Innovation in medical education

Any College of Medicine faculty member from the Tucson campus may nominate any faculty member (including himself or herself) in one or more categories. Please follow these guidelines:

- **The deadline for nominations is 12:00 pm, Wednesday, May 5th, 2021.**
- The primary nominator should indicate clearly which of the five categories above applies to the nomination, and should detail the peer observations on which the nomination is based.
- Up to two letters of support from peers may be provided. A nomination will be strengthened considerably if the primary nomination or a letter of support is provided by the faculty member's Department Head or Block/Course/Clerkship Director. **Inclusion of details and examples from faculty observations of the nominee's teaching will greatly strengthen an application.**
- Student evaluations should not be included; these awards are based on peer assessment.

Furrow Awardees and AMES Excellence in Teaching Awardees will be selected by the Academy of Medical Education Scholars, and will be recognized at the **General Faculty Meeting on May 19th, 2021**.

Email nominations to Jennifer Cogan at jenc@medadmin.arizona.edu. Contact Allie Min, MD, Chair of AMES, at amin@aemrc.arizona.edu with any questions about this awards program.

